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**DRAFT CLAIM AMENDMENTS**  
**(FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY)**

1. **(Draft Amended)** An image forming apparatus comprising:  
  
a movable first image bearing member on which a toner image is formed; and  
  
a movable second image bearing member which comes into contact with said first image bearing member and to which the toner image on said first image bearing member is transferred,  
  
wherein the toner image on said second image bearing member is transferred onto a transferring material, and the transferring material displays the toner image;  
  
wherein a ~~dot-shaped~~ dot image pattern which is formed of dot toner images using a toner different from the toner image is formable on said first image bearing member, and  
  
wherein a distance between dot centers of ~~dots forming~~ the dot toner images is equal to or smaller than a width of a contact part between said first image bearing member and said second image bearing member in a moving direction of said first image bearing member.
2. **(Draft Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the distance between the dot centers of ~~dots forming~~ the dot toner images ~~image~~ is steadily equal to or smaller than the width of said contact part between said first image bearing member and said second image bearing member in the moving direction of said first image bearing member throughout the dot image pattern. ~~image.~~

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3. **(Draft Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein in the moving direction of said first image bearing member, a leading end of the dot image pattern is on a downstream side of a leading end of the toner image and a trailing end of the dot image pattern is on an upstream side of a trailing end of the toner image.

4. **(Draft Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the dot image pattern is formed of a yellow toner.

5. **(Draft Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the toner image is formed corresponding to each color of a plurality of colors and the dot image pattern is formed while being superposed on a first color toner image formed on said first image bearing member.

6. **(Draft Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the dot toner images have a pattern ~~image has a pattern~~ indicating information of the image forming apparatus.

7. **(Draft Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the dot toner images have image ~~is~~ a dispersed dot image pattern independently of said pattern indicating information of the image forming apparatus. ~~pattern.~~

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8. **(Original)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first image bearing member and said second image bearing member differ in a moving speed at the contact part.

9. **(Previously Presented)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first image bearing member comprises a photosensitive member and said second image bearing member comprises an intermediate transferring member.

10. **(Draft Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a transferring member forming a nip part with said first image bearing member through said second image bearing member, wherein the width of said contact part between said first image bearing member and said second image bearing member corresponds ~~corresponding~~ to a width of the nip part.

11. **(Draft Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the dot image pattern is formed according to information different from information for forming the toner image, which a user demands.

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12. **(Draft Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the transferring material does not display substantially the dot toner images. ~~image~~.

--13. **(Proposed New)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the dot toner images are invisible to a user.--

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**DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO ABSTRACT**

--The image forming apparatus includes a movable first image bearing member on which a toner image is formed, and a movable second image bearing member which is brought into contact with the first image bearing member and to which the toner image on the first image bearing member is transferred. ~~A transferred, in which a dot-shaped dot image pattern which is formed of dot toner images using~~ formed of a toner different from the toner image is formable on the first image bearing member. ~~A member, and in which a distance between dot centers of the dot toner images is equal to or smaller than a width of a contact part between the first image bearing member and the second image bearing member in a moving direction of the first image bearing member.~~ Consequently, it is possible to steadily suppress an image streak occurrence and to obtain a final image having a high quality in a stable manner.--

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